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IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS, PROCESS CARTRIDGE, AND WASTE TONER RECOVERY DEVICE

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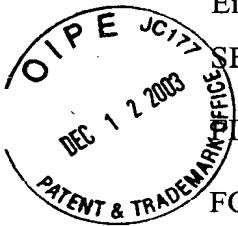
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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

Reference AP (JP 5-6084) on Form 1449 is discussed in the specification.



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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	AO	2000-131893	05/12/2000	JAPAN (with English Abstract)	
	AP	5-6084	01/14/1993	JAPAN (with English Abstract)	
	AQ	5-224472	09/03/1993	JAPAN (with English Abstract)	
	AR	8-202227	08/09/1996	JAPAN (with English Abstract)	
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